(b) if so. what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FAL-EIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cases of 1984 riots

3382. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many murder eases in relation to 1984 riots have been decided by the Courts; and

(b) how many of the accused have been (i) convicted and (ii) acquitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) 22.

(b) All the accused have been acquitted.

Smuggling of Indian rupee

3383. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling of Indian rupees abroad has become a paying proposition like hard drugs earlier reported in the Times of India of 11th June. 1988; and

(b) if so. what corrective steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Available reports indicate that Indian currency continues to be sensitive to smuggling out of the country. The value of Indian currency seized under the Customs Act, 1962 during the last three calender years and upto June in 1988 arc given below:--

year	Indian currency (Value Ks. in lakhs)
1985	281
1986	567
1987	436
1988 (uplo June)	34S (provision;.!)

However, since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not feasible to estimate whether the smuggling of Indian rupees has become as paying a proposition a_s the smuggling of hard drugs. There is also no specific intelligence to this effect.

(b) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified. The anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country including that at the airports and seaports has been geared up to check the smugggling of Indian currency. Close co-ordination i.s maintained with all the agencies concerned in prevention and detection of smuggling.

Indo-Soviet trade

3384. SHRI KANHU CHAR AN LENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much trade with the Soviet Union has been possible during the first six months of the current year; and

(b) what steps are being taken to achieve the target of Rs. 5000 crore worth of two-way trade[0]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) As per the latest information available, contracts valued at about

90 per cent of the Trade Plan Provisions for the year 1988 have been concluded during the first six months of the current year. Continuous efforts are being made by both the Sides to achieve the target of 5,000 crores during 1988. This includes review of trade flow at official level on a continuing basis and visit of trade and industrial delegations for negotiating and concluding contracts etc.

Item-wise balancing of trade between India and USSR

3395. SHRI KANHU CHAR AN LENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that item-wise balancing of trade between India and USSR is the most difficult hurdle before Indian exporters;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has agreed not to insist on item-wise balancing of trade;

(c) if so, what is the new policy; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what remedial stpes Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) Trade between India and USSR is conducted in non-convertible Rupees on a balanced basis. Annual Trade Plans are drawn listing out items of exports to and imports from USSR covering calendar years. Indo-USSR trade is balanced on overall basis.

Some Soviet foreign trade organisations have recently insisted on balancing on specific deals. These and other questions relating to bilateral trade are discussed during bilateral trade talks from time to time to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution.

Finance for Trichur kole development Scheme

3386. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) whether Government Propose to direct the State Bank of India to provide the Trichur Kole Development Scheme with the finance required as per the revised estimate as the NABARD has found the project economically viable; and

(b) if not, what arc the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC: AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FAL-EIRO): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) had earlier reported that the bank had originally sanctioned certain facilities to Kerala Land Development Corporation for implementing Trichur Kole Land Development Project. However, due to delay in the implementation of the project and cost over runs, the project cost had to be revised upwards. In view of this escalation in project cost, SBI had some time back suggested that the project may be financed by a consortium of banks.

Import of Fertilisers by MMTC

3387. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI: Will the Minister of COM MERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilisers imported during the last financial year by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation alongwith the value of fertilisers and their types and also the names of the countries from which . these were imported; and